

What is Prop H?

- Prop H is a measure that would modernize the City's existing Utility Users' Tax (UUT).
- Chula Vista's UUT has not been updated since the municipal code was established in 1970. Therefore, the City's current UUT is based on '70s technology, language and definitions for services like "ship to shore," radios and "walkie talkies."
- The measure renames the existing City ordinance to the "Telecommunications Users' Tax." (TUT).
- If approved by voters, the ordinance will continue the current tax rate of 5% that is already collected by telecommunications service providers.
- The proposed ordinance would not change what 95% of current Chula Vista ratepayers are currently paying because most telecommunications providers already apply the tax to their customers. Check your current billing statement to clarify this fact.
- Modernizing the TUT will permit the City to verify and equitably assure that all telecommunications service providers are paying their equitable share to the City.
- TUT revenues are invested locally, unlike property tax and sales tax, which can be taken away from local governments at the state level.

More questions about Prop H?
Need voter information? Go to
www.chulavistaca.gov



City Manager Rolls Out Budget Reduction Plan

At the October 5 City Council Meeting, City Manager Jim Sandoval presented his budget reduction plan for fiscal year 2011/2012.

One pillar to his plan is pension reform. Sandoval reported in an effort to help tackle the budget deficit, City employees are voluntarily stepping up. Chula Vista's Mayor, City Council, executive team, senior management and non-unionized employees, all have agreed to pay the employee share of their CalPERS retirement plans. Starting January 1, 2011, the 91 non-represented employees will take an 8 % cut in compensation that will generate over \$850,000 annually in taxpayer savings.

"This is an example of civil servants who truly value the services this organization provides to the community. While the City has continued to grow, we've continued to cut positions these past four years. We are now at 1987 staffing levels. This group of employees is working harder with less – less resources, less staff and now less pay. It is not easy for anyone to take a reduction in pay during this difficult economic time, but they are making the sacrifice because it is that important," said Sandoval.

To provide long-term financial sustainability, City Council also approved a resolution that states City employees hired in the unrepresented group after January 2011, will have a restructured "second tier" CalPERS retirement and health plan.

Sandoval's budget reduction plan calls for all five City employee union groups to agree to the same three issues: 1) No further salary raises during the contract period, 2) Pay full employee CalPERS retirement contribution (9% for public safety employees or 8% for all other employees), 3) Second Tier CalPERS retirement and health plans for new hires.

If City employees agree to pay their retirement contribution and forgo future contract raises beginning January 2011, the budget gap will be reduced sufficiently to avoid employee layoffs. If this does not occur, the staff cuts will result in closing the Norman Park Senior Center, eliminating graffiti abatement crews and the park ranger program for the City's 52 parks and numerous other service reductions. Currently, 72 full-time employees have received lay off notices and 41 others have been notified of demotions.

The projected \$12.5 million shortfall for year 2011/12 does not account for the potential loss of Telecommunications Users' Tax (TUT) which has been collected by the City of Chula Vista since 1970. A ballot measure to modernize the TUT language and definition is on the November 2 ballot. The initiative, known as Prop H, if approved would secure the City's existing revenues which range from \$5 to \$6 million annually. Should the Prop H ballot measure fail at the voting booth, the City could be facing a cumulative budget shortfall of \$18.5 million come July 1, 2011. A shortfall of that magnitude would result in the layoff of over 150 positions and vital services provided to the public. City facilities such as the EastLake Library, Parkway Pool and Gym, Memorial Bowl, Salt Creek and Otay recreation centers would be closed.

The public is invited to attend two budget overview sessions by the City Manager and Finance Director. The first one is scheduled for **Wednesday, October 20 at 6 p.m.** in the City Hall Council Chambers (276 Fourth Avenue) and the second one is **Wednesday, October 27 at 6 p.m.** at the Monteville Community Center (840 Duncan Ranch Road.)

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Animal Control	476-2476
Adoptions/Fostering	691-5123
Volunteering	691-5000
Online ACF	CLICK HERE
City Clerk	
Main Line	691-5041
Passport Appointment	409-1949
Online Appointment	CLICK HERE
City Manager/Administration	
Main Line	691-5031
Communications/Media Relations	691-5296
Code Enforcement	691-5280
Conservation	409-3893
Developmental Services	
Engineering	691-5021
Building	691-5272
Planning	691-5101
Small Business Services	409-5888
Small Business Programs	CLICK HERE
Finance	
Main Line	691-5250
Purchasing	691-5141
Business Lic. Online	CLICK HERE
Fire	
Emergency	911
Main Line	691-5055
Prevention Division	691-5029
Prevention Online	CLICK HERE
Human Resources	
Main Line	691-5096
Job Hotline	691-5095
Volunteering	691-5000
Library	
Civic Center Branch	691-5069
South Branch	585-5755
EastLake Branch	397-3980
Volunteering	691-5000
Online Branch	CLICK HERE
Mayor & City Council	691-5044
Nature Center	
Nature Center Online	409-5900
	CLICK HERE
Police	
Emergency	911
Report Crime/Dispatch	691-5151
Report Crime Online	CLICK HERE
Public Works	
CLEAN Business Program	691-5122
CLEAN Program Online	CLICK HERE
Graffiti Hotline	691-5198
Graffiti Program Online	CLICK HERE
Graffiti IN PROGRESS	911
Household Hazard. Waste	691-5122
Park Reservations	397-6197
Reservations Online	CLICK HERE
Storm Water Hotline	397-6000
Recycling/Solid Waste	691-5122
Service Requests	397-6000
Service Requests Online	CLICK HERE
Recreation	
Administration	409-5979
Recreation Online	CLICK HERE
CV Woman's Club	691-5083
Heritage Center	421-7032
Loma Verde Center	691-5082
Loma Verde Pool	691-5081
Monteville Center	691-5269
Norman Park Center	691-5086
Otay Center	476-5325
Parkway Center	691-5083
Parkway Pool	691-5088
Parkway Gym	691-5084
Salt Creek Center	585-5739
Veterans Center	691-5260
Redevelopment & Housing	
Main Line	691-5047
Redev. & Housing Online	CLICK HERE

Did You Know...

Loan for Energy-Saving Retrofits

Through the use of federal Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grants, the City has launched its Home Upgrade, Carbon Downgrade Community Revolving Loan Fund. It offers property-owners low interest financing to perform energy efficiency and solar energy retrofits on their existing homes or businesses. Go to www.chulavistaca.gov/clean or call (619) 409-3893 for more information or to find an eligible contractor.

Trick or Treat Safety

Some safety tips for a fun and safe Halloween night: Drivers need to stay alert and remember there are lots of excited little people walking the neighborhood. Slow down, watch for children behind cars and in driveways. Make sure your child is dressed in light or reflective clothing and that a mask is not blocking their sight. (Make up is a good alternate to masks). Have them carry a flashlight and know where they are going. Kids should travel in groups and always with an adult. HAVE FUN!

Happening this month:

Halloween Happenings @ the Library

The Chula Vista Public Library has planned some "spooktacular" events for young and old during the fall Halloween season. All programs are free and open to the public. **October 25, 6 p.m.**, OnStage Productions will perform a sneak peak of "The Rocky Horror Picture Show," at the Civic Center Library.

Halloween Storytimes and Costume Parades will be **October 25-29** at all three branches. See your local branch for specific dates and times. Cappella Gloriana, the Cathedral City based choir, will perform at the Civic Center Library on **October 31 at 2 p.m.**

